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69. The article of manufacture of claim 67, wherein the number of features to be identified is received as a parameter value.

70. The article of manufacture of claim 67, wherein feature identification comprises generating an ordered list of multi-dimensional points.

71. The article of manufacture of claim 67, further comprising creating the index using the list of multi-dimensional points.

72. The article of manufacture of claim 67, wherein the index stores deviation values for each of the identified number of features.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-54 have been canceled, and claims 55-72 have been added. Claims 55-72 are pending. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as filed. No new matter has been incorporated by the present amendment.


Preliminary to a first action in this continuation application, the Applicants request that these amendments be entered. These amended claims do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, the Examiner is requested to take the foregoing into account.

Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call the below-signed attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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